Urban Trails and Youth Engagement in Boyle Heights

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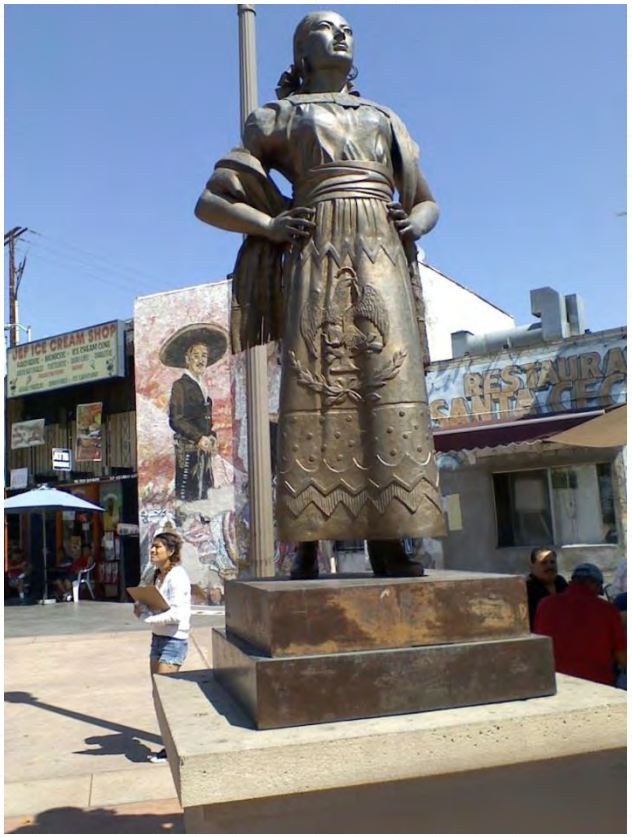
Historic Boyle Heights

Boyle Hotel Historic Monument

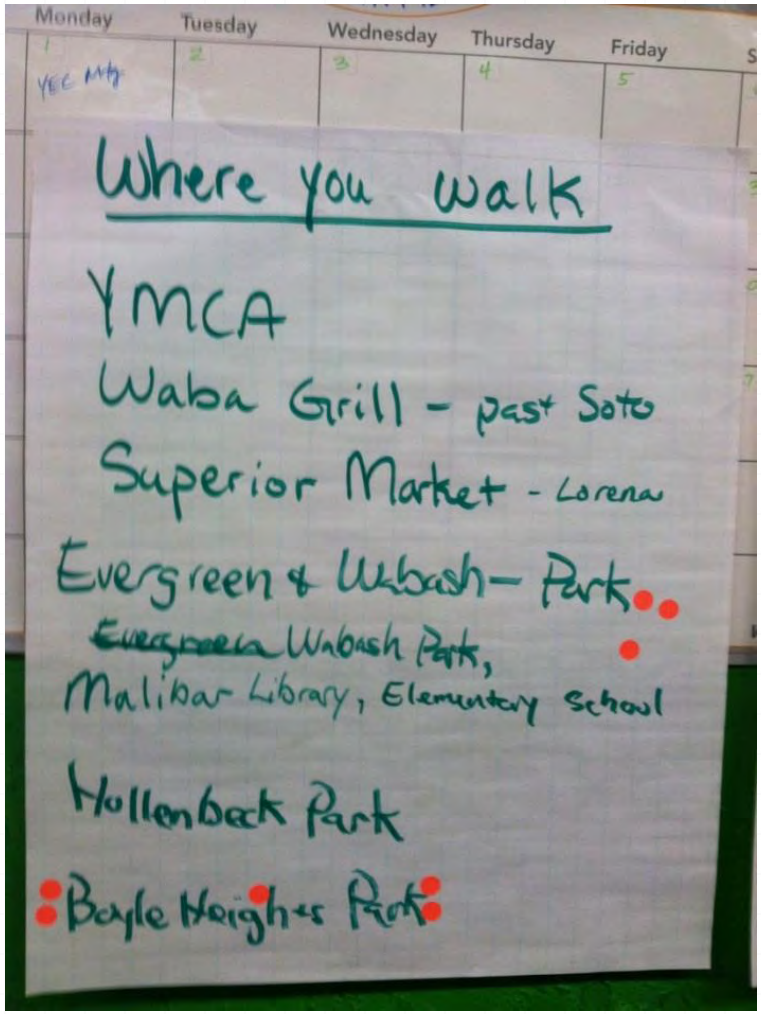
Project Outcomes

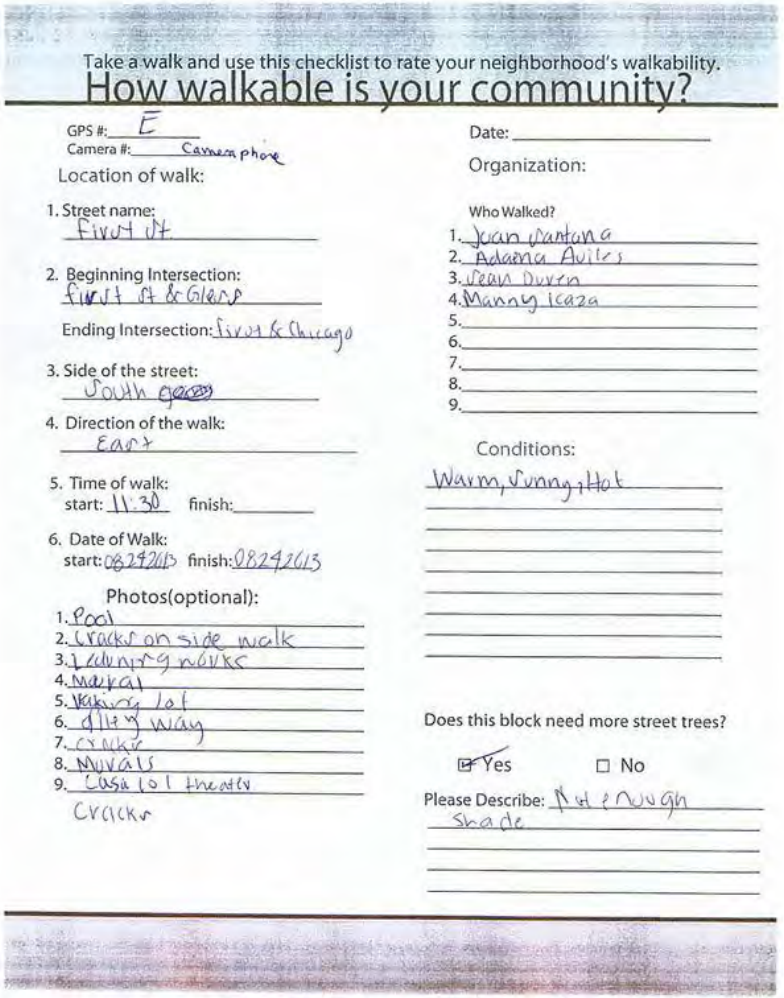
- Walking Audits
- Map sidewalks that need repairs and trees
- Record historic and public art
- Create walking loops
- Plant trees on tree poor streets



Lucha Reyes statue, renown Mariachi singer, in Mariachi Plaza Boyle Heights

Walking in LA





Take a walk and use this checklist to rate your neighborhood's walkability.

How walkable is your community?

GPS #: E

Camera #: Camera phone

Location of walk:

1. Street name: First St
2. Beginning Intersection: first St & Glens

   Ending Intersection: first & Chicago
3. Side of the street: South
4. Direction of the walk: East
5. Time of walk: start: 11:30 finish:
6. Date of Walk: start: 08242613 finish: 08242613

Photos(optional):

1. Pool
2. Cracks on side walk
3. Leaning works
4. Mural
5. Vaking lot
6. alley way
7. cracks
8. Murals
9. Casa lot theater

Cracks

Date:

Organization:

Who Walked?

1. Juan Santana
2. Adaena Aviles
3. Sean Duren
4. Manny Icaza
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.

Conditions:

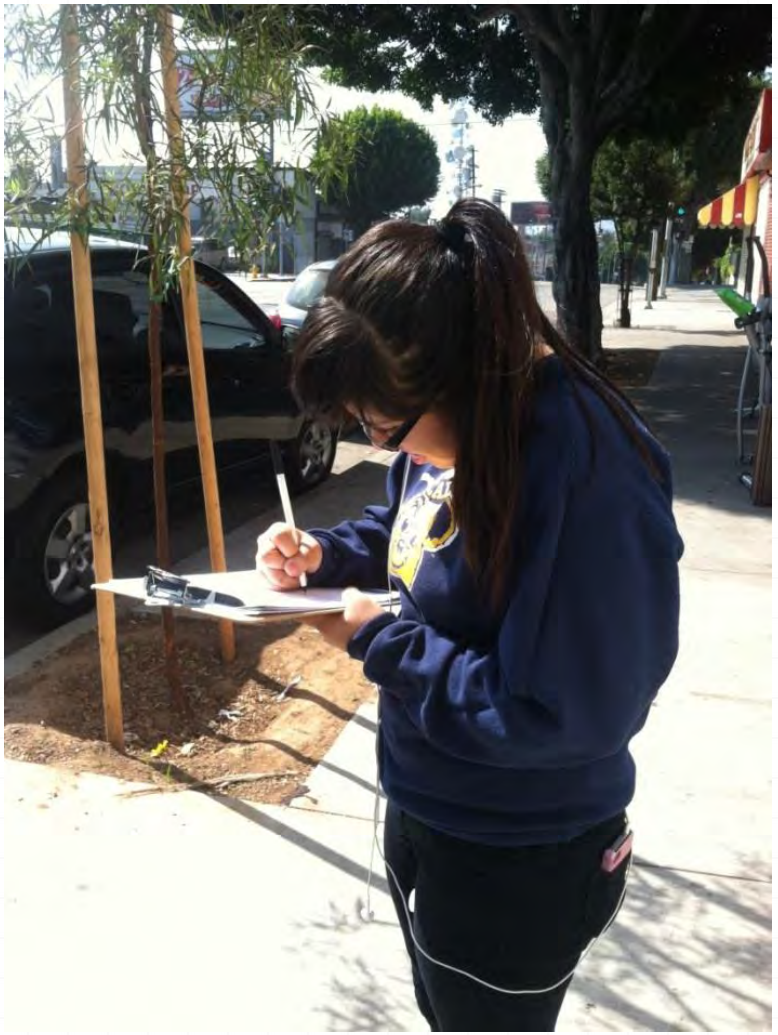
Warm, Sunny, Hot

Does this block need more street trees?

☑ Yes ☐ No

Please Describe: Not enough shade

Map routes and Audits



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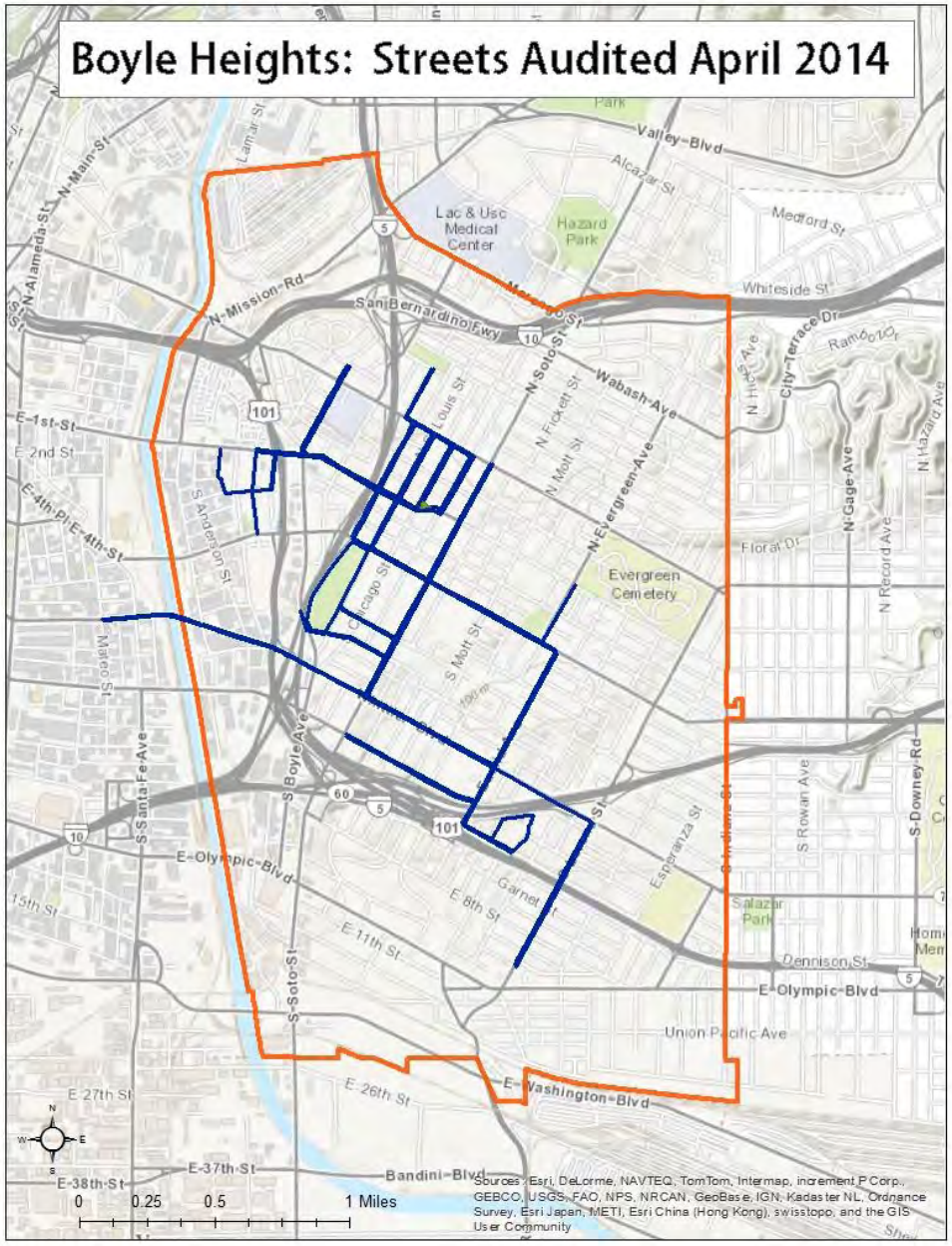
Boyle Heights: Streets Audited April 2014
Valley Blvd
Alcazar St
Lac & Usc Medical Center
Hazard Park
Medford St
Whiteside St
N Mission Rd
San Bernardino Fwy
Wabash Ave
N Soto St
N Fickett St
N Mott St
N Evergreen Ave
Evergreen Cemetery
Floral Dr
N Gage Ave
N Record Ave
N Hazard Ave
City Terrace Dr
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Garnet St
Esperanza St
S Indiana St
S Rowan Ave
S Downey Rd
Salazar Park
Dennison St
Union Pacific Ave
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E 27th St
E 37th St
E 38th St
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N Main St
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Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

What we found

Broken and uplifted sidewalk

Broken newspaper stands and other barriers

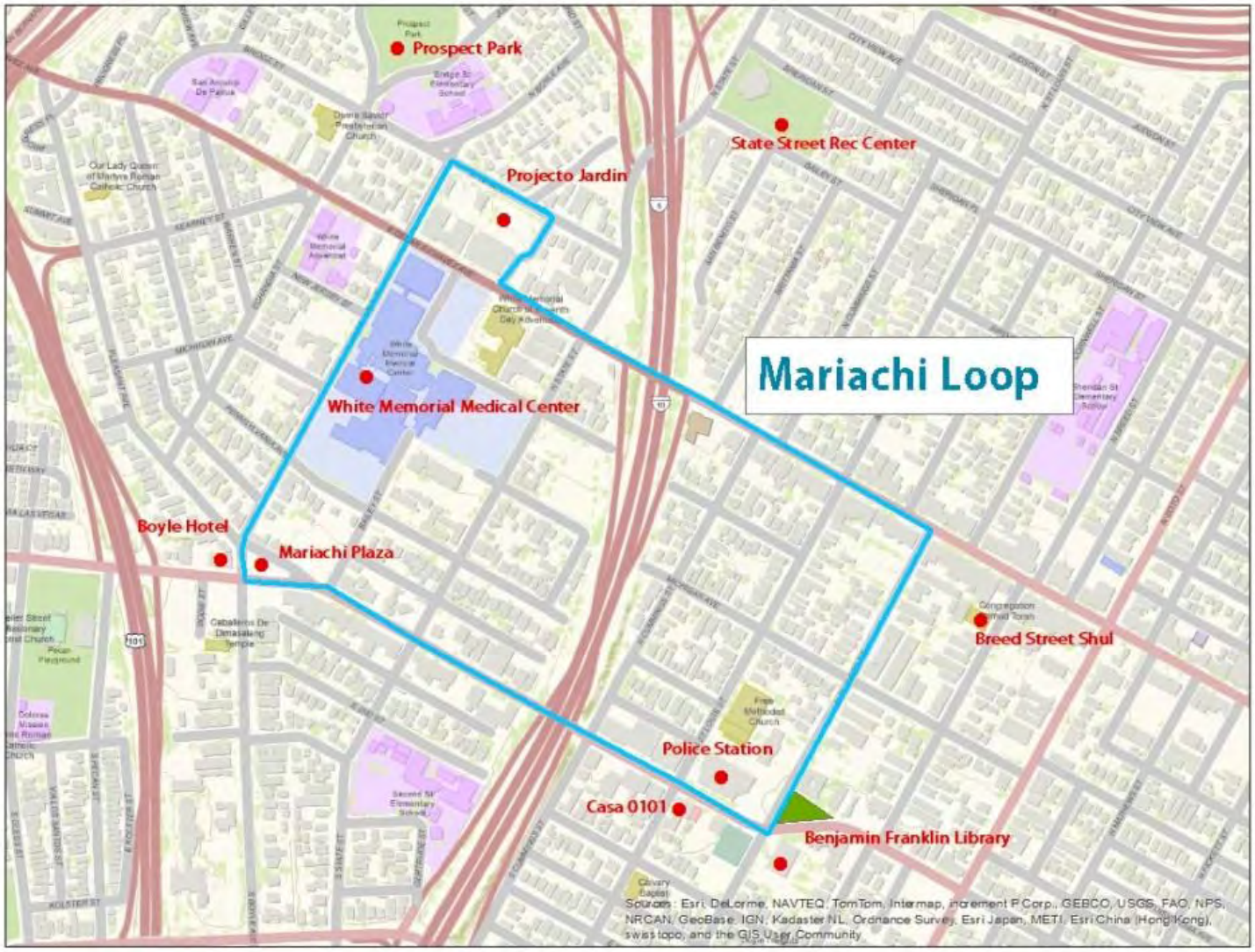
Audits

Graffiti

Trash

We also found…

Designing Walking loops



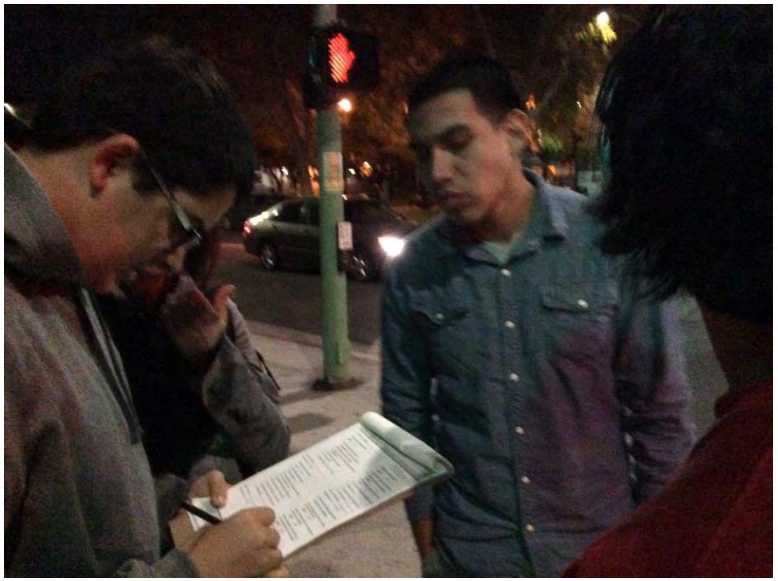
Draft route

Alternative Spring Break

- Auditing- day 1
- Designing- day 2
- Trees- day 3
  - Revisiting streets to get signatures for trees
  - LA Million Trees will supply us with trees to plant

Youth Voices

- Show video



Donnie, Angel, and Francisco auditing in January

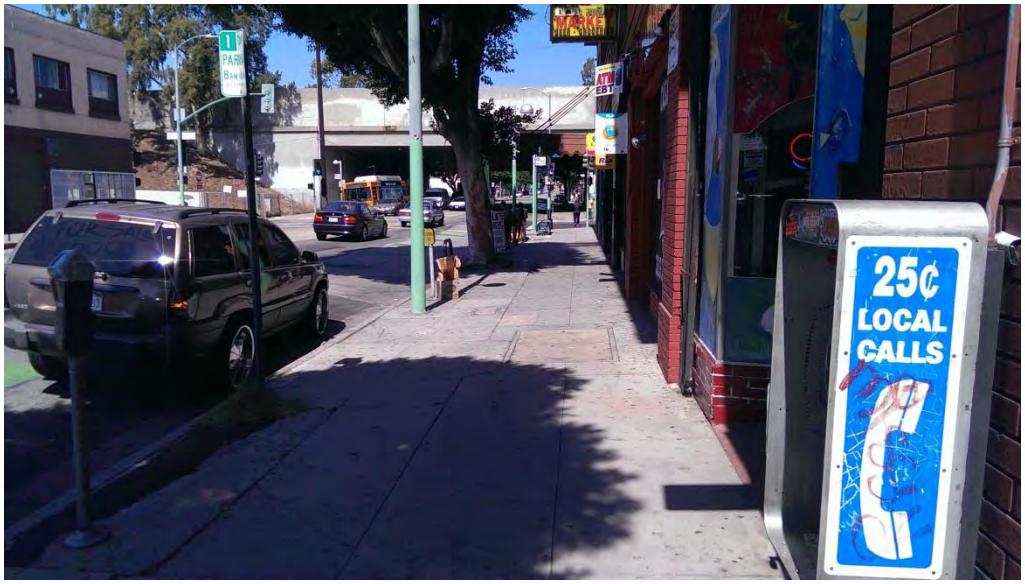
Remember

- Youth partners are really busy, so go with the flow
- Don't underestimate the youth desire to be involved
- Make them captains

Data Tracking

- Scanned all the walking audits
- Shared on Google Drive
- Uploaded pictures per street
- Used Google Forms to input data from audits into excel spread sheet
- Built queries
  - Streets that need trees
  - Cracked sidewalks
  - Trash
  - Grafitti
- Also using GIS to support project but starte with youth inputs in google earth

- Urban trails will look different, are different but are equally important



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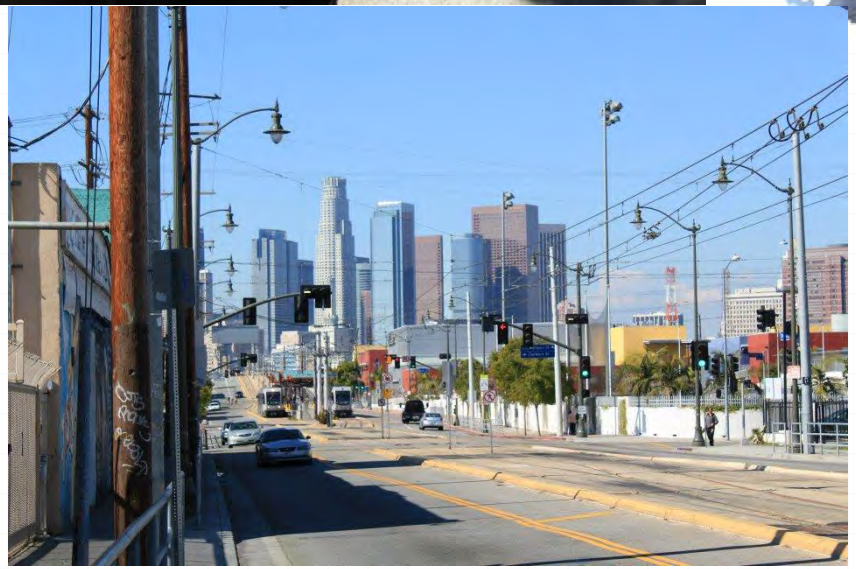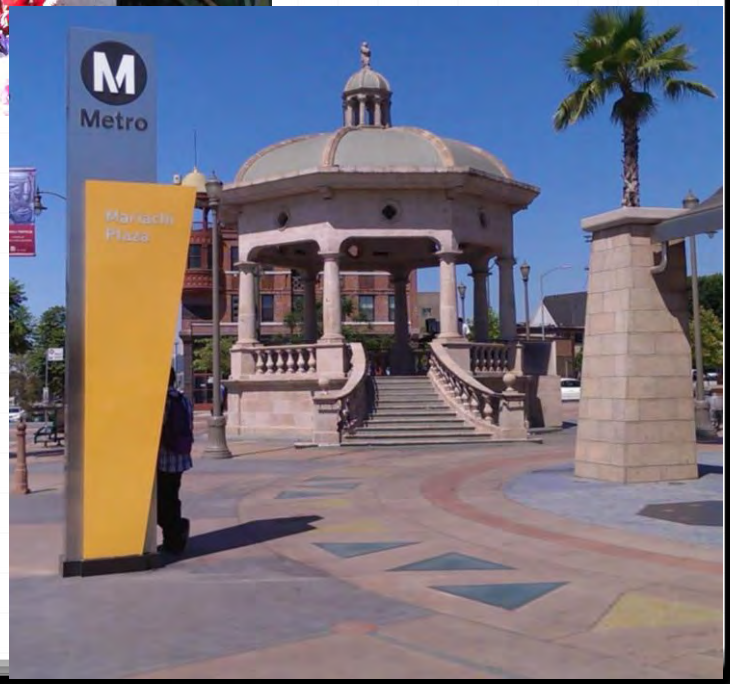
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